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Reporting for the week ending September 28, 2008.

### General

Last week temperatures were close to normal across the state as high temperatures ranged from 82 degrees Fahrenheit in Fayetteville to 92 degrees Fahrenheit in Eudora. Low temperatures ranged from 47 degrees Fahrenheit in Fayetteville to 59 degrees Fahrenheit in North Little Rock. Farmers had 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week as there was no significant precipitation reported across the state. After two weeks of dry weather, topsoil moisture supplies were 15 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 9 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

### Crops

Corn farmers took advantage of another dry week to harvest an additional 19 percent of the corn crop but were 2 weeks behind last year and the 5-year average. Cotton opening bolls increased 13 percent to reach 87 percent, and producers harvested an additional 3 percent of the crop but were 21 percent behind the previous year and 15 percent behind the 5-year average. Farmers were defoliating additional cotton fields in preparation for harvest. With 46 percent of the rice crop harvested, producers were 24 percent behind 2007 and 27 percent behind the 5-year average. Only 1 percent of the sorghum crop was left to mature and farmers harvested another 24 percent of the crop but they were more than three weeks behind last year and two weeks behind the 5-year average. Some of the grain sorghum harvested was reported as poor quality and elevators were refusing to take some loads. Soybeans yellowing, at 58 percent, was 18 percent behind 2007 and the 5-year average while shedding, at 35 percent, was 29 percent behind the previous year and 24 percent behind the 5-year average. Soybeans reaching maturity, at 22 percent, were about three weeks behind 2007 and the 5-year average. Soybean producers, with 10 percent of the crop harvested, were 24 percent behind last year and 22 percent behind the 5-year average. Soybean farmers irrigated late-season soybeans and sprayed for stinkbugs. Cotton, rice, and soybeans were in mostly fair to good condition. Farmers planted another 1 percent of the winter wheat crop last week, and the crop was just starting to emerge. Apple harvest was under way.

### Livestock

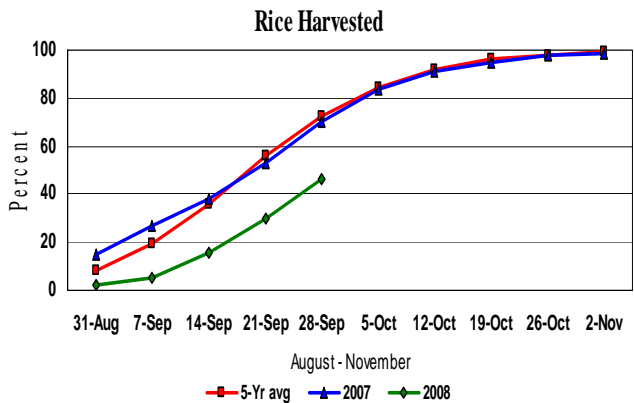
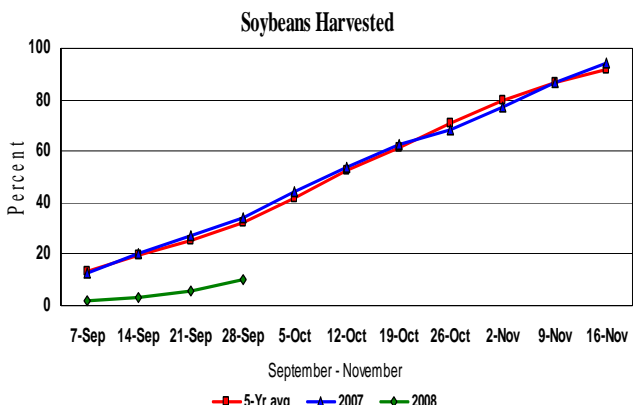
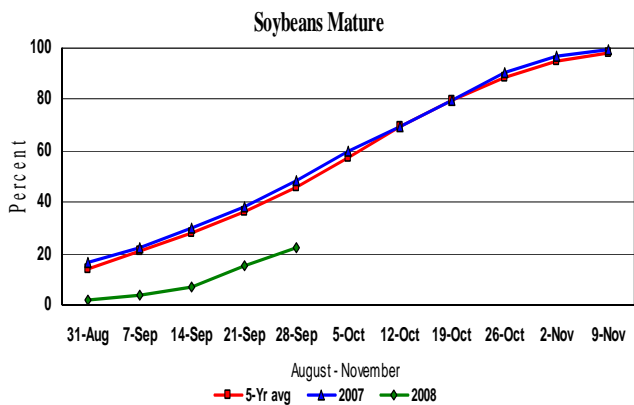
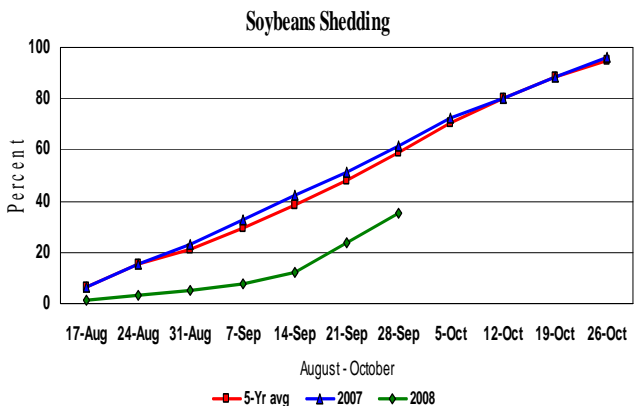
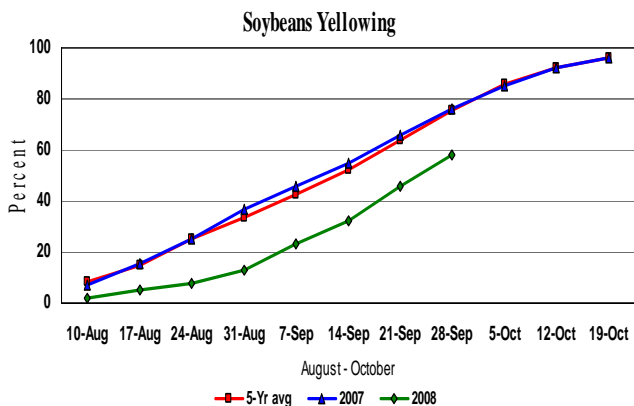
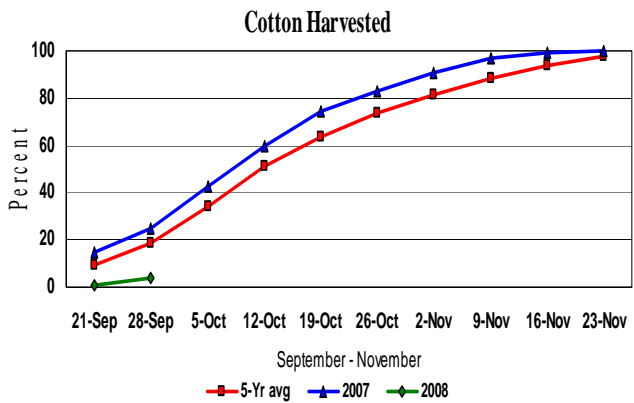
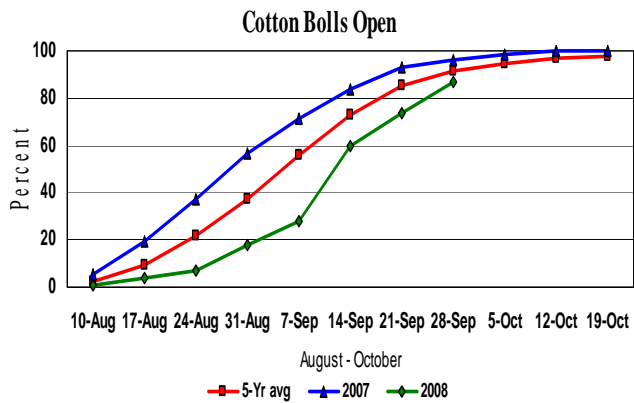
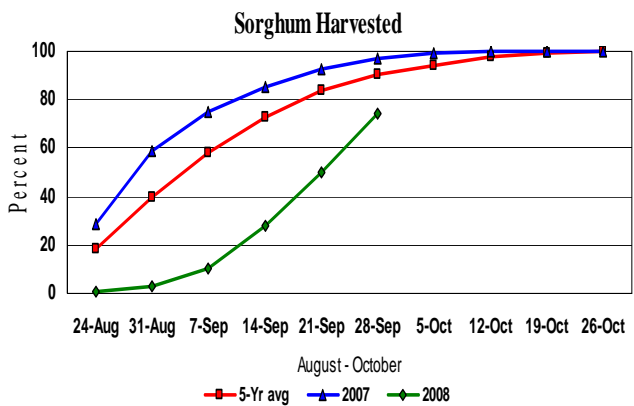
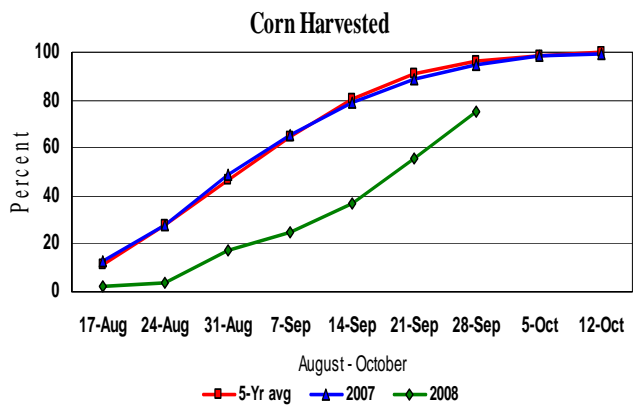
Livestock were rated in fair to good condition. Producers were spraying for army worms as they continued to plague forage crops. Some farmers were still harvesting hay as the season was drawing to a close. Pasture and range and hay crops were in mostly fair to good condition.

#### Percent of Progress

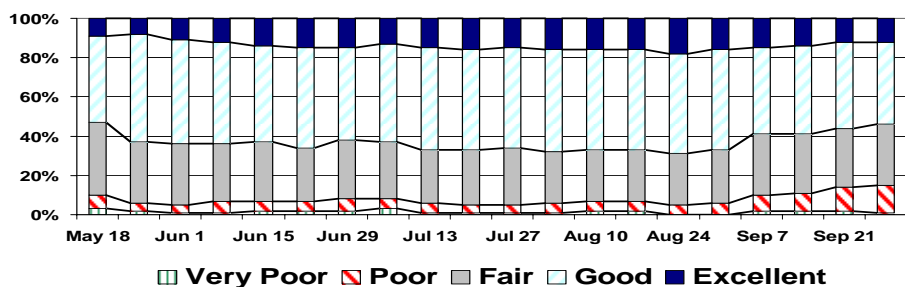
Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2007	5-Year Avg
Corn	Harvested	75	56	95	96
Cotton	Opening Bolls	87	74	96	92
	Harvested	4	1	25	19
Rice	Harvested	46	30	70	73
Sorghum	Mature	99	96	100	100
	Harvested	74	50	97	90
Soybeans	Yellowing	58	46	76	76
	Shedding	35	24	62	59
	Mature	22	15	48	46
	Harvested	10	6	34	32
Winter Wheat	Planted	2	1	3	4
	Emerged	1	n/a	0	0

#### Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	2	9	31	45	13
Rice	1	14	31	42	12
Soybeans	4	12	33	37	14
Hay-Alfalfa	1	10	23	63	3
Hay-Other	0	4	32	51	13
Pasture and Range	0	2	27	55	16



## Rice Condition



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending September 28, 2008									
District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Sep 28	4 wk Accum	4 wk Normal	Year to Date 2008	Year to Date Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	82	47	-1	0.00	9.24	4.54	52.94	34.24
	Harrison	83	51	1	0.00	6.63	3.79	55.29	33.08
N. Central	Calico Rock	84	49	3	0.00	8.07	3.82	60.65	33.42
	Gilbert	84	49	1	0.00	8.05	3.51	66.11	32.33
	Greers Ferry	84	53	1	0.00	7.88	3.82	56.15	36.24
	Mtn. Home	84	52	4	0.00	7.67	4.08	56.31	32.82
Northeast	Batesville	84	50	1	0.00	6.05	3.34	47.17	34.04
	Blytheville	87	52	2	0.00	3.17	2.97	29.25	37.25
	Jonesboro	87	54	3	0.00	3.14	2.90	36.77	33.05
	Keiser	88	55	4	0.00	3.56	3.42	35.90	36.80
	Newport	84	56	2	0.00	3.15	3.27	41.60	34.90
W. Central	Booneville	86	51	0	0.00	6.83	3.77	55.15	34.51
	Clarksville	85	56	3	0.00	7.91	3.62	56.61	33.39
	Dardanelle	85	52	1	0.00	6.05	3.32	58.79	34.74
	Ft. Smith	86	54	2	0.00	8.10	3.37	52.49	31.69
	Mena	83	51	0	0.00	8.98	4.69	60.57	41.71
	Ozark	85	56	2	0.00	7.80	3.44	52.37	32.30
Central	Conway	86	56	1	0.00	11.05	3.46	57.13	34.62
	Hot Springs	86	53	0	0.00	9.60	3.75	56.70	40.99
	Little Rock	87	57	3	0.00	7.51	3.45	46.96	36.24
	Morrilton	86	55	3	0.00	9.13	3.02	56.11	33.80
	N. Little Rock	86	59	2	0.00	8.57	3.31	44.78	35.15
E. Central	Brinkley	86	54	2	0.00	3.95	2.80	35.94	36.16
	Marianna	87	53	1	0.00	2.79	2.94	41.61	38.46
	Stuttgart	88	53	1	0.00	7.22	2.64	43.39	35.06
	West Memphis	87	54	2	0.00	2.98	3.06	35.07	38.38
Southwest	DeQueen	88	52	1	0.01	3.65	4.13	38.75	38.87
	Hope	85	53	1	0.00	10.03	3.79	55.30	39.02
	Texarkana	85	56	-1	0.00	7.98	3.16	43.86	33.36
S. Central	Camden	87	53	1	0.00	8.52	3.34	41.58	38.37
	El Dorado	87	53	0	0.00	6.91	3.05	39.71	40.26
	Warren	84	56	0	0.00	12.04	3.44	58.21	40.47
Southeast	Eudora	92	56	1	0.00	17.19	2.51	65.16	41.73
	Monticello	87	53	1	0.00	7.94	2.97	45.74	40.69
	Pine Bluff	87	54	0	0.00	6.33	2.96	33.67	37.78
	Rohwer	86	54	1	0.00	8.63	2.71	45.16	37.74

\* Departure from normal =  $\frac{(\text{high} - \text{low})}{2}$  - 30 year average.

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